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# **QEW CREDIT RIVER BRIDGE** **From Mississauga Road to west of** **Hurontario Street**

**PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL  
ASSESSMENT STUDY  
G.W.P. 08-2008**

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**PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 2**  
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**SUMMARY REPORT**



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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has initiated a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study to determine a long-term strategy to address the rehabilitation needs of the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) Credit River Bridge and to address the future requirements for the QEW from west of Mississauga Road to west of Hurontario Street.

The study is being undertaken as a Group "B" project under the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000), with the opportunity for public input throughout the study. Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and filed for a 30-day public review period. Newspaper notices will be published at that time to explain the review process and identify the locations where the TERS is available for viewing.

This report documents the results of the second Public Information Centre (PIC) held on March 31, 2011.

## 2.0 PURPOSE

Public Information Centres (PICs) are informal meetings where area residents and other interested parties are provided the opportunity to review planning and project information, identify concerns and provide input.

The PIC was held as a 'drop-in' style session where representatives of MTO and members of the Consultant Team were available to answer questions and discuss the project. The PIC included two brief, informal presentations at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., which provided a study overview and introduced the Project Team. The main purpose of the PIC was to provide an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the results of the assessment and evaluation process, and to present the Technically Preferred Alternative.



### **3.0 PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE SPECIFICS**

The Public Information Centre (PIC) was held at the location, date and time noted below:

**Date:** Thursday, March 31, 2011  
**Location:** Anapilis Christian Community Centre, Hall B  
2185 Stavebank Rd., Mississauga, ON  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Agency Session  
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Public Session

This location was universally accessible as per the requirements of the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act*.

### **4.0 NOTIFICATION**

The Public Information Centre (PIC) notice was advertised in English and French newspapers. The notice was published in French in Toronto L'Express on March 22, 2011 and in English in the Toronto Star and Mississauga News on March 23, 2011.

PIC notification letters were distributed by direct mail to the project mailing list on March 9, 2011, including local residents, community / interest groups, government agencies, local municipalities and utilities companies. Notification letters were mailed to provincial political representatives on March 3, 2011, First Nations on March 8, 2011, and local councillors on March 9, 2011. In addition, a bulk mailout of approximately 2300 brochures outlining the details of the PIC were sent to residents directly adjacent to the study area in postal codes L5B, L5C, L5H and L5G during the week of March 9, 2011. Brochures were hand delivered to residences on Mississauga Crescent on March 10, 2011.

### **5.0 STAFF ATTENDANCE**

The following key Ministry and Consultant staff were in attendance at the PIC:

- Joseph Lai, P. Eng., MTO, Project Manager (Preliminary Design Study)
- Margaret Pak, MTO, Environmental Planner
- Graziano Masiello, MTO, Environmental Planner – Acoustics
- Earl Tucker, MTO, Real Estate Officer
- Bernie Trippel, MTO, Real Estate Officer
- Mike Marinelli, MTO, Project Manager (Holding Strategy Study)
- Rina Kulathinal, MTO, Head, Highway Engineering – Peel and Halton
- Astrid Poei, MTO, Communications Coordinator – Central Region
- Michael Chiu, P. Eng., MRC, Consultant Project Manager
- Heather Templeton, P. Eng., MRC, Consultant Assistant Project Manager
- Yannick Garnier, MRC, French Translation

- Mike Bricks, MCIP, RPP, BPE Inc., Consultant Environmental Planner
- Catherine Christiani, Ecoplans Limited, Consultant Assistant Environmental Planner

## **6.0 MATERIAL DISPLAYED**

The following exhibits were displayed at the PIC:

1. Welcome
2. Welcome and Purpose of Public Information Centre 2
3. Background and Study Purpose
4. Environmental Assessment Process
5. Study Process and Schedule
6. Summary of Public Information Centre 1
7. Activities since Public Information Centre 1
8. Community Workshops 1 and 2
9. Assessment and Evaluation Process
10. Evaluation Criteria
11. Bridge Alternatives – South Twinning
12. Bridge Alternatives – Evaluation of South Twinning
13. Bridge Alternatives – North Twinning
14. Bridge Alternatives – Evaluation of North Twinning
15. Bridge Alternative – Widening
16. Selected Bridge Alternatives with Mainline Alignment Improvements
17. Evaluation of Bridge / Mainline Alternatives
18. Rationale for Technically Preferred Bridge / Mainline Alternative
19. Interchange Alternatives
20. Interchange Alternatives - Evaluation of Interchange Alternatives
21. Overall Technically Preferred Alternative
22. Technically Preferred Alternative – Bridge
23. Technically Preferred Alternative – Bridge Renderings
24. Value Engineering / Risk Assessment Study
25. Preliminary Design (Next Phase)
26. Noise
27. Next Steps
21. Thanks for Attending / Freedom of Information
22. Heritage
23. Status Update on the QEW Credit River Bridge Rehabilitation Holding Strategy Study

The project website ([www.qewcreditriver.ca](http://www.qewcreditriver.ca)) was updated with the PIC 2 displays on April 1, 2011.

## 7.0 FORMAT

Individuals attending the Public Information Centre (PIC) were asked to sign a register when they entered the venue. Attendees were also informed of the availability of comment sheets, which they were encouraged to complete.

Staff from MTO and MRC were available to answer questions and provide information regarding the project. Individuals who expressed specific concerns or comments were directed to the appropriate staff person for an explanation of how the concerns or comments were being addressed. If individuals wished to take comment sheets home they were requested to provide their responses to the contact outlined on the comment sheets by April 21, 2011.

## 8.0 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

Of the approximately 65 people who attended the PIC, 59 people chose to sign in at the register.

The following agencies attended the PIC:

- Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc.
- City of Mississauga
- Region of Peel

The following elected officials and interest groups attended the PIC:

- Katie Mahoney – City of Mississauga Councillor (Ward 8)
- Pat Mullin – City of Mississauga Councillor (Ward 2)
- Jim Tovey – City of Mississauga Councillor (Ward 1)
- Credit River Anglers Association
- Stavebank Road Traffic Group

First Nations did not attend the PIC. There were no media in attendance at the PIC.

The following table provides a summary of the number of people who attended the PIC and the number of comment sheets submitted. The table also includes the number of comments that were submitted by mail, fax or email after the event.

<b>TABLE 1. PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE ATTENDANCE AND COMMENTS</b>					
	<b>Anapolis Christian Community Centre</b>	<b>Mail</b>	<b>Fax</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Comment Sheets</b>	14	0	0	3	<b>17</b>

Approximately 28 people were present during the 5:00 p.m. presentation, and approximately 20 people were present during the 7:00 p.m. presentation.

The most frequent comments provided at the PIC included:

- Concerns regarding noise impacts and requests for the installation of noise mitigation, as soon as possible;
- Requests for increased pedestrian /cycling access opportunities on the new bridge and between Stavebank Road;
- North Twinning as the technically preferred alternative is the right choice;
- Concerns regarding the proximity of the new QEW Eastbound ramp to Kedelston Way;
- Maintain the view of the heritage bridge;
- Protect the river valley with appropriate environmental mitigation;
- What are the long-term plans for HOV lanes on the QEW through Mississauga?; and,
- Research and understand both the pros and cons of installing translucent noise barriers.

All comment responses were sent via letter/email on June 7 and 8, 2011.